

**WHEREAS,** the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was chartered in Battle Creek, Michigan on Saturday, January 12, 1980, with Ms. Wilhelmina Goff, Midwest Regional Director, present; and

**WHEREAS,** the membership of the Battle Creek Alumnae Chapter began with twelve original charter members and expanded its service area and membership within that service area to Calhoun and Eaton County (except for Diamondale, Eaton Rapids, Holt and Lansing-Delta Townships); and

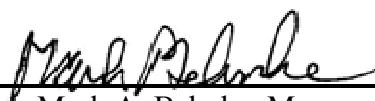
**WHEREAS,** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world with a public motto of, "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom." The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college educated women; and

**WHEREAS,** the sorority provides an extensive array of public service initiatives through its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of educational development, political awareness and involvement, international awareness and involvement, economic development, and physical and mental health; and

**WHEREAS,** since 1980, the members of the Battle Creek Alumnae Chapter have been actively helping to make Battle Creek a better place to live with programming such as Lunch with Santa, recognition of Black educators then scholarships for Black female high school graduating seniors since 1984, health information tables and events on breast cancer, diabetes, and heart health, mentorship programs Delta Academy and Delta G.E.M.S., and the Calhoun County Minority-Owned Business Listing since 2016;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mark A. Behnke, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, do hereby proclaim that the Battle Creek Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. be recognized for its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and urge all the citizens of the City of Battle Creek to recognize the valuable impact that the Battle Creek Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has made in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Logo of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

  
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Mark A. Behnke, Mayor